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TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KS, MY, US

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ROK SALE OF MORTARS TO MALAYSIA

REF: A) SEOUL 8321 B) SEOUL 9274 C) SEOUL 9276  
D) SEOUL 9878 E) STATE 281151

1. EMBASSY MAY INFORM APPROPRIATE ROKG AUTHORITIES THAT USG  
IS PREPARED TO CONSENT TO PROPOSED ROK SALES TO MALAYSIA OF  
600 60MM MORTARS AND 280 81MM MORTARS ONCE WE HAVE COMPLETED  
THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER REQUIREMENTS, I.E., 30-DAYS ADVANCE  
NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS AND RECEIPT OF TRANSFER ASSURANCES  
FROM GOM.

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2. IN REVIEWING KOREAN REQUEST, WE HAVE CONSIDERED SUCH  
FACTORS AS MALAYSIAN REQUIREMENTS AND US INTERESTS AND HAVE  
CONCLUDED THAT THE PROPOSED SALE IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR ARMS  
TRANSFER POLICY, SINCE THE US ITSELF WOULD PROVIDE THESE  
MORTARS IN SIMILAR QUANTITIES TO MALAYSIA. ANOTHER RELEVANT  
POINT IS THAT US CURRENTLY HAS NO PRODUCTION OF 60MM MORTARS  
AND ONLY LIMITED PRODUCTION OF 81MM MORTARS.

3. IN CONVEYING ABOVE DECISION, YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS CASE REPRESENTS EXCEPTION TO GENERAL US POLICY NOT TO APPROVE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS FROM PRODUCTION ORIGINALLY INTENDED ONLY FOR DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF RECIPIENT.

4. FOR KUALA LUMPUR. DEPARTMENT WILL TRANSMIT BY SEPTEL TEXT OF ASSURANCES NEEDED FROM GOM. VANCE

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